



News

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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of March 5 thru March 11, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 710 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

ONE-SIDED PARKING CONTINUES – Saint Paul has had to declare our first–ever snow parking ban so that fire trucks and ambulances can get to emergency scenes. This ban will remain in effect until it is lifted when streets are wide enough again for fire and medical emergency vehicles. Here are the rules:

- Parking is allowed on the ODD side of RESIDENTIAL streets, only.
- Non-residential and arterial streets are EXEMPT, except that some non-residential streets have also become so narrow that they have been POSTED No Parking.
- For more information and an interactive street map so you can see how this might affect you, go to www.stpaul.gov/snow.



Check out all the room on the street that fire trucks and firefighters need at a working fire scene.

GUN SHOT WOUNDS - On March 5 at 6:03 a.m. on the 1500 block of Pacific Street a 40 year old woman was shot in the lower extremities. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK - On March 5 at 4:12 p.m. on Kellogg & Minnesota Street a 15 year old girl was struck by a vehicle as she was crossing the street. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On March 7 at 11:40 p.m. on the 200 block of West 7th Street a 29 year old man had been shot. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

DRYER FIRE - On March 9 at 2:24 p.m. on the 500 block of Hoyt Avenue East fire companies were dispatched to a report of a dryer fire in an apartment building. Upon arrival, they found a small fire in clothes that were in a gas dryer. The residents started to use an extinguisher on the fire and activated a fire alarm pull station. Fire companies extinguished the remaining fire and reset the alarm. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

DWELLING FIRE - On March 10 at 3:58 a.m. on the 500 block of Pt. Douglas Road fire companies were dispatched to a report of a dwelling fire. The first arriving fire company found defensive fire conditions with a fully involved first and second floor. Four occupants escaped with minor injuries. Fire companies had to lay a quarter-mile of large diameter fire hose to the nearest hydrant at Lower Afton Rd. due to the scarcity of hydrants in the area. This fire is still under investigation. The home and all its contents are a total loss. Smoke alarms sounded but there were no fire sprinklers.



Fire destroyed this home in the early hours on March 10.

COMMERCIAL FIRE - On March 10 at 11:48 p.m. on the 2200 block of Wabash Avenue fire companies were called to a report of a fire at a paper plant. They arrived to find a large electrical motor that had a fire that was partially extinguished by workers using a hose line at the plant. Damage is estimated at \$30,000 to the equipment.

CARELESS SMOKING - On March 10 at 4:44 p.m. in an apartment building at the intersection of 9th and Minnesota Streets a firefighter responded for a chair on fire. They arrived to find a chair that had been extinguished by a one fire sprinkler head. The occupant was smoking a cigar in the chair and then put it out in an ash tray but some may have fallen into the chair. Damage is estimated at \$3,000.

ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION - On March 10 at 5:19 p.m. on the 300 block of Ramsey Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of smoke coming from the basement of a condominium building. Fire companies arrived to find a small fire in a closet that was a result of the spreading of a fire in an electrical panel in the basement below. An occupant noticed smoke coming through the floor of her bedroom. Damage is estimated at \$8,000. There were no injuries.



A malfunctioning electrical panel caused a fire that began to spread from the basement to the first floor just as firefighters arrived.